(b) if so, the details of the changes likely to be made in the Administrative set-up of Punjab; and

(c) the extent to which the administrative change would curb activities of terrorists in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The Government of Punjab have reported that a number of administrative have been taken to deal with the situation and to curb violence. The action launched against terrorists has yeilded good results.

Financial assistance to families of Terrorists

129. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are aware that the families of terrorists who have been killed in Punjab are being given financial assistance by several youths belonging to political parties;

(b) whether the youths in Punjab are collecting huge amounts from the Public by issuing threats and delivering the same to the families of terrorists publicity;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Central Government as well as the State Government to book those persons in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Government have seen reports that Shahidi Samagams have been organised at different times and places by political parties and AISSF elements where financial assistance has been given to family members of killed terrorists.

(b) and (c) Specific details in this regard are awaited from the Government of Punjab.

Firearms Licensing Policy in Punjab

130. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab Government propse to make important changes in the firearms licensing policy in view of the need of the people for self-protection;

(b) if so, the details of the changes likely to be made in the existing fire arms licensing policy by Punjab Government; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to ensure that the arms will be given to Punjab people for self-protection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Government of Punjab proposed a review of the restrictions imposed by the amendment made on 24-1-89 to the Arms Rules, 1962 limiting the powers to issue/renew licences for non-prohibited bore weapons to the respective areas of jurisdiction of the District Magistrates and State Governments and requiring clearances of the Central Government for issue/renewal of all India licences. The matter has been reviewed and the Arms Rules, 1962 were amended on 28-3-90 going away with the requirement of obtaining prior clearance of the Central Government for issue/renwal of all India licences and empowering District Magistrates to renew all India licences and issue licences for the District/State concerned. State Government have been empowered to issue all India licences.

(c) Adequate provisions exist in the Arms Act, 1959 and Arms Rules, 1962 for obtainng fire arms licences for self-defence.

Indian proposals for durable solution of bilateral matters between India and Nepal

131. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of EXERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian team of senior officials has recently visited Nepal